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Radio Association of Erie
General Membership Meeting
February 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President AD4UL via Skype at 7:01 pm.

Board Members Present: AD4UL via Skype, KE3V, KB3GYR, N3NKV, KB3NAT, WB3DOM, and N3DBC

Guests: None

New Calls: None

Silent Keys: K3KSB

Secretary's Report: KB3JZM made a motion to accept the minutes of the December general membership meeting as printed in the QUARAE. Motion seconded by N3ZNP. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: An up to date treasurer's report was not available. AD4UL provided the figure that was provided by N3JOC. As of date, the checkbook has not been forwarded to the new treasurer.

Board Report: N3NKV gave a summary of the minutes of January 27th board meeting. N3NKV mentioned that the board discussed the following items: Christmas Party, Budget, Clubhouse Electric, Repeater, Investments, Burning of old items, Programs for club meeting. KE3V noted that there was a correction needed to the board meeting minutes from the January meeting. The sentence: . "Kevin was not interested." Should be deleted. He mentioned at the meeting to contact him or Doug.

RAE Club Meeting – Thursday March 3rd – 7 pm at the Red Cross

Program: PA ACT 88 Webinar

Committee Reports:

Membership: N3NKV reported that we had 85 as per the minutes of the last board meeting minutes.

Repeater Committee: Repeater Chairman KB3CAT was not present. N3NKV has been in contact with KB3CAT. N3NKV mentioned that the Echolink is up and running on 61. WB3IFD asked why we cannot link 70 to 61. N3NKV's response was because of path issues and that we link via 440. Also, multiple members were reporting problems with the reporting problems with their audio clipping. N3NKV mentioned he would forward the issue to KB3BAM. AD4UL mentioned that the linking problem during the nets is being looked at. KB3CAT and N3NKV are in contact the folks at Arcom. AD4UL also mentioned that we need to get more control ops for the repeaters. The main goal is that the members need to know how to turn off the repeater in case of malicious interference. N3NKV mentioned that in order to do this a new macro will need to be written because the existing control structure will allow everyone access into the more in-depth command structure of the repeater.

Public Service- AD4UL reported the next event is the March of Dimes Walk in the spring

Listserv- N3NKV informed everyone that the old listserv on Google groups will be turned off permanently on Saturday and provided

details about the new listserv and its functions.

Budget- N3NKV went over the budget for 2011. N3LBI made a motion to accept the budget. Seconded by KE3V.

Newsletter: WB3IFD had a question about printing of newsletters and how many do we send out. N3NKV reported we send out +/- 10 each month. All members should be getting them via e-mail. If an e-mail address is not available, then a paper copy is sent. There is sometimes a delay in getting updated e-mail addresses and an updated membership list.

Clubhouse: N3DBC reported that he did not find out any information about the availability of NW REA as our power provider.

Old Business: None

New Business:
Programs for Club Meetings: AD4UL mentioned that in his Christmas party message that he wanted to see more programs at club meetings. At the last board meeting, the board decided to bring to the membership the idea of purchasing an LCD projector for club use. N3NKV provided the membership with a proposal for a NEC DLP projector for $339. KB3NAT made a motion that the club purchase the next level up of computer projector for the price of around $500 along with a 25 foot vga cable. Seconded by N3NKV. All in Favor.

AD4UL mention that he will be going through various old club records that are no longer needed and burning them this summer. He also mentioned that WB3IFD is looking for club history materials. He is planning on writing a history of the RAE.

KB3NAT mentioned that the club can purchase various DVD's from ARRL for club presentations. AD4UL mentioned that we should have a time limit for the presentations and have them before the meeting.
50/50 Winner: KE3V

Motion to Adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm: WB3DOM. Seconded by N3LBI

Respectfully Submitted,

John Lis
Radio Association of Erie
Secretary

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 24th, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman N3JOC at 7:02 pm.

Board Members Present: N3NKV, KE3V, WB3DOM, KB3GYR, N3DBC.

Board Members Present via Skype: President AD4UL and KB3NAT

Secretary's Report: N3JOC asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the January board meeting. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report: N3JOC provided treasurer's report. The only change since last month was that the insurance was paid. N3NKV and KB3GYR to meet to do the swap over on Saturday. AD4UL mentioned a check should be in the PO Box for a public service event.

Membership: N3JOC reported there were 85 members. But there maybe more.

Old Business:
Clubhouse Electricity: The board analyzed electricity usage at the clubhouse. Usage is about the same each month. The board decided not to do anything in regards to changing electric providers at the present time. If we see any issues, we may want to look at the refrigerator as our problem

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New Business:
Clubhouse: N3NKV reported that the front window at the clubhouse was broken out. N3ZNP has boarded it up.

Repeater: Doug mentioned that the 61 controller is fixed. He asked about a mistake in the 82 codes that were sent out. N3NKV will e-mail Matt and let him know.

Future of Yaesu FT-100: N3NKV asked about what the club wanted to do with the Yaesu FT-100 and the matching Yaesu tuner from the N3RKO estate. Before it went offline, there were problems with it on 10 meters and 6 meters maybe. N3NKV asked the board what their thoughts were about selling or auctioning it. KB3NAT mentioned that the radio is over 10 years old and Yaesu no longer provides service or parts for the radio. AD4UL mentioned that if we sell or auction the radio that we to inform the buyer about the radio's issues. AD4UL mentioned that it be forwarded to membership for a vote in addition to having one last final documentation of the radio's problems. .

With no further business,

Motion to Adjourn made by KE3V and Seconded by WB3DOM at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Lis
Radio Association of Erie
Secretary

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RADIO OOPS: CELL COMPANY INSTALLS TOWER ON PRIVATE FRONTLAWN IN MOUNT SINAI, NY

According to news reports a cellular telephone provider apparently crossed the line when without permission it installed a tower and antenna on the front lawn of a private home in Mount Sinai, New York. Town resident Lori DiMarco told news reporters that she and her family were horrified when they walked out of their house and found that a cell tower had been constructed under the cover of darkness on their front lawn.

Also appalled was Town Of Brookhaven Highway Superintendent John Rouse. He termed the action by NextG Networks as being the height of corporate arrogance. Rouse said that if he has to get in a truck himself and take it down, it's coming down. And as a show of force, Rouse brought out a town bucket truck and threatened to rip down the mast and antenna if the company that installed it doesn't remove it within the next several days. In a statement, NextG admitted they installed the tower without the proper permits. It said that it sincerely apologizes to the DiMarco family and a pledge to do it's best to ensure that this does not happen again. However in the same statement, NextG also complained the town was taking too long to review its cell tower applications. The company says it will take the tower down. As we go to air its unknown if the DiMarco family or the town are planning any legal action against NextG.

More on this bizarre story is on line at several websites including www.wsbt.com/news/wpix-cell-fight,0,7995185.story (Published news reports)

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Dear Amateur Radio Operator,

It's time again for the Radio Association of Erie to ask you to support the premier amateur radio club of Northwestern Pennsylvania. For 2011, we have decided to continue to keep our dues at a special low price for you. For 2011, full membership is only $15.00.

During 2010, the Radio Association of Erie has been very active in furthering and promoting Amateur Radio. The Radio Association of Erie has:

- Assisted in providing emergency communications at various community events;
- Held various activities at our clubhouse on Wagner Road in McKean such as Monthly Club Meetings, a summer picnic, PA QSO Party, and other activities;
- Completed the installation of a new antenna on the 146.610 repeater;
- Replaced one of HF stations with a new Kenwood TS-2000;
- Purchased a new receiver/transmitter, controller, and remote base radio for the 146.820 repeater. This new repeater should be online soon.

If you have been a member and have read the QUARAE newsletter or visited our website at www.w3gv.org, you will have knowledge of our numerous activities. If not, we ask you to join and share in our enjoyment and participation in Ham Radio and visit one of our meetings. If already a member, please rejoin!

By helping the RAE, you will also help non-hams know about the hobby and assist in preserving the amateur radio hobby for many years to come. Please don't delay, please complete the enclosed RAE Membership Form and mail it to me with your check with whatever level of membership you wish.

If you have any questions, please contact me at dsweet.ad4ul@gmail.com or contact any club officer. We need you now!

73 from the members and officers,

Doug Sweet, AD4UL

Radio Association of Erie President

Radio Association of Erie.

2011 Membership Application

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal

Name:_____ Nickname: _____

Call Sign:_____ License Class:_____ ARRL Membership: ☐Yes ☐No ☐ Life

Occupation: _____ Birth Date:_____

E-Mail Address:_____

Street: _____

City:_____ State: _____Zip Code: _____

Home Phone:_____ ☐Unlisted Work Phone:_____ ☐Unlisted

Equipment: Bands:	**Type:**	**Bands Operated**:	
☐ HF Base Station	_____	☐160	☐ 6
☐ HF Portable	_____	☐80	☐ 2
☐VHF/UHF Portable Station	_____	☐40	☐ 1.25
☐VHF/UHF Base Station	_____	☐ 20	☐70 cm
☐ Portable Generator	_____	☐10	Other:_____

Operating Modes:☐SSB ☐SSTV ☐FSTV ☐CW ☐PSK31 ☐AM ☐NBEMS ☐Packet

☐Other: _____

Public Service:
Specify the activities listed below to be placed on the volunteer call-up lists:

☐Public Service Activities ☐ARES ☐Skywarn ☐VE

Membership Selected

☐Full Membership – Full Voting Privileges - $15.00

☐Associate Membership – No Voting Privileges - 11.50

☐Full Time Student – No Voting Privileges Free

☐Life Membership - Full Voting Privileges - $225.00

☐Second Family Member 50% off

Please return this Membership Form to :

Radio Association of Erie

PO Box 844

Erie, PA 16512

Office Use: MBR Type_____Amount Pd:_____ Date _____ Check # _____

NET	Frequency	Day	Time
Erie-Ft. Pierce Connection	14.340 USB	M-Sat	8:00 AM
		Sun	8:00 AM
Erie Connection	7.182.00 + /-LSB	M-Sunday	6:30 PM
6 Meter SSB	50.190 USB	Sunday	7:00 PM
Conneaut Radio Club Net	147.390(+) FM	Sunday	7:30 PM
Lake Erie Emergency Net	29.000 USB	Sunday	8:00 PM
ARES/SKYWARN Net	146.610(-) FM	Sunday	
	146.820(-) FM	Sunday	
	146.700(-) FM	Sunday	9:00 PM
2 meter AM NET	144.450 AM	Monday	8:00 PM
Mailbag Net	146.700(-) FM	M-F	8:00 PM
440 Simplex Net	446.100 FM	Tuesday	8:00 PM
Radio Amateurs of Corry	28.330 USB	Tuesday	8:00 PM
6 Meter AM	50.400 AM	Wednesday	7:00 PM
NBEMS Net	146.700(-)	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Novice-Tech Net	28.400 USB	Wednesday	8:30 PM
Radio Amateurs of Corry	147.090(+) FM	Thursday	8:00 PM
2 Meter SSB	144.210 AM	Friday	8:00 PM

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